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Portuguese MFA interlocutors told us December 17 that they are aware of the call for contributions to support the 2009 elections in Afghanistan. The Portuguese are studying this request as part of the broader study of potential Portuguese contributions to ISAF.

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